

ON THE REVIEWER'S TABLE

"The Inside of the Cup."

By Winston Churchill. The Macmillan Company. \$1.50 net.

It is strongly significant of the trend of modern thought that two of the most notable novels of the year, "The Inside of the Cup" and "The Last Days of Pompeii," widely different though they are in conception, treatment and execution, have the same primary, basic theme—that the whole meaning of life lies in service to others.

In Winston Churchill's latest book this theme is announced and developed by means of a profoundly serious and earnest consideration, in the form of a story, of what the author conceives to be the real mission of the church on earth, placing antithetically before the reader a rich and powerful congregation, exalted socially and materially, but decadent morally and spiritually, and the ideals of men and women whose hearts and souls are fired by the lofty belief in renunciation and service.

If the subject of this book of more than 500 pages may be described in a phrase, it is this: the conflict waged between those who believe that "the church has no right to meddle outside of her sphere, to dictate to politics and business," and those who labor with the end in view of reviving the church as a burning, vital factor in the life of the community. And to narrow it still further, it is a plea for "Christian socialism."

It does not require the explanation contained in Mr. Churchill's afterword to convince the reader that the book was written after deep thought and as an expression of personal belief. The earnestness, the fervor, that inspired the author are apparent throughout, and the unity and freedom of which he speaks so hopefully are not fragments of a fiction-writer's imagination, but conceptions of a thinker's brain looking forward and upward to that new earth when "generation after generation would labor with unflinching zeal until the last sculptured fragment of the new Cathedral—the new Cathedral of Democracy—had been laid toward the blue vault of heaven."

Although, as a story, "The Inside of the Cup" is thoroughly coherent, of course, and interesting reading merely as a story, even as a romance—since Mr. Churchill has not failed to weave into it the love of a very real man for a maid—its author has found it necessary or advisable, in order to expound the more fully his opinions, to make his John the Baptist—appropriately Henry Sydney Harrison's symbolism—speak at great length, both from the pulpit and in conversation, in support of his teachings.

In fact, from the standpoint of the story-reader these arguments impede the marching of the story, though they undoubtedly illumine its progress, to such an extent that they frequently convert the book from a novel into a discussion of a purely religious nature. It will be charged, and with much truth, that in order to make his appeal stronger, Mr. Churchill has exaggerated, made too common, the characteristics of the church, or rather of the congregation, which he has chosen as the text from which his Baptist speaks. On the other hand, it will be admitted even by those who charge exaggeration that individual cases from which his types are chosen are not altogether rare in any church or congregation, and these characters he has drawn with his accustomed skill, so that they are readily recognizable.

Certainly the book will be taken seriously by those who read it carefully and look beneath the story into the depths of its purpose, whether they agree with either of the two extreme views or comfortably lounge between the two.

It will not interest those against whom it is most pointedly aimed, and of whom it was said, in the denunciation from which the book is constructed, "Voe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup."

"The Confederate Cause and Conduct in the War Between the States."

By Hunter McGuire, M. D., LL. D., late medical director of Jackson's Corps, A. N. S., and Hon. George L. H. Jenkins, Richmond, publisher. \$1.50.

Of such rare books as this, now in its second edition with valuable additions, is history written, and with such finality and completeness that it is authoritative as to the matters treated in its pages that only a rash reviewer would venture further than an effort to describe its purposes, its contents, and the results accomplished by its publication.

Fortunately, the volume contains an introduction by one so intimately familiar with its preparation and so profoundly informed concerning its contents that no other review than a quotation from his introduction is necessary.

Hear then the Rev. James Power Smith, chaplain to "Stonewall" Jackson, last survivor of his staff and one of those who were a heroic part of the period with which the book deals. After condemning with righteous indignation the miserable fabrications of the truth that were being sent into the South as "histories," Dr. Smith says, in part:

"The State Camp of Virginia of Confederate Veterans rose promptly and vigorously to resist another invasion, which would have turned the children against their fathers, covered the graves of patriots and heroes with shame and made the memory of the Confederacy and its sacrifices and struggles a disgrace in all coming history. The camps throughout the South had a new task given them. They were to meet the threatening evil at the door of every schoolhouse in the land. All that was, or is now, desired is that error and injustice be excluded from the text-books of the schools and from the literature brought into our homes; that the truth be told, without exaggeration and without omission; truth for its own sake and for the sake of honest history, and that the generations to come after us be not weighed down by the burden of shame and dishonor unrighteously laid upon the name of their noble sires."

It was in 1893 that the State Camp of Virginia made Dr. Hunter McGuire the chairman of its history committee. Himself a Confederate veteran, the friend of Jackson, and intimately acquainted with the life and other leaders high in office and distinguished in service, surgeon, professor and author, he was eminently qualified for the work assigned him. With others, he examined thoroughly the histories introduced into the schools, and in 1899 he gave to the Commonwealth and the South the thorough and able report which is the first paper of the collection made in this volume. It refutes the common charge made against the South that the protection of the money value of slave property was the cause of the war which the South waged in its defense. It exposes the misrepresentation of Mr. John Fiske and other authors, and recommends that these and such like books be vigorously and universally excluded from all schools and institutions of learning in all the States of the South.

This work of defense for the South, begun with such ability by Dr. McGuire, was devolved upon Judge George L. Christian, an honored soldier of the Confederacy, a lawyer of notable ability at the Richmond bar, and a writer of clearness, courage, and strength. Through seven years, from 1900 to 1907, he gave patient and faithful labor to painstaking research and most elaborate preparation of the five papers which are included in this volume. Beginning in 1900, with the right of secession, as shown upon the testimony of Northern statesmen and other authors, Judge Christian discusses in 1901 the war as conducted by the Federal and Confederate armies, again upon the testimony of Northern witnesses. In 1902 he reviews the treatment of prisoners of war, and the history of the exchange of prisoners. In 1907 he returns to the serious question of where the responsibility rested for bringing on the sectional strife, with all its loss of life and wealth and all the unhappiness it spread over the broad land. One who went himself to battle so promptly, and then suffered so much in all the years since, has had the fidelity to truth and the courage of heart to do his duty in the defense of his people and of the generations to come.

To these official reports from the history committee of the Grand Camp of Virginia are added two papers of similar force and value from the pen of Dr. McGuire. One is the magnificent address on Stonewall Jackson, delivered at the V. M. I. in 1897, an appreciation and study of the character and career of Jackson, which no one else in the world was so well fitted to make. With this also is the paper of Dr. McGuire on the "Wounding and Death of Stonewall Jackson," which has been preserved for all time the story of which the author was himself a part and a witness, such a narrative as the great surgeon and friend could only himself give to the world.

The publication of these papers had a widespread and powerful effect. They not only caused the exclusion of certain books from our schools and colleges, and the preparation of truthful history for the use of the young. They corrected the mistaken views of many of our own people, and they went far and wide in every section of the land and to other lands. In large degree they have produced a better understanding of the great issues at stake, and have brought men of fair and large minds to recognize the fundamental justice of the cause of the South and the unselfish patriotism and lofty devotion of the men who filled the ranks, and the high character and great ability of many who led them.

As the large editions of these papers have been exhausted, and their importance has been yet more widely recognized, the demand has risen for their collection and republication in the present volume. The book now before you is not merely a collection of papers on library shelves, but that being read by the children and youths of all the country may know that their sires and grandfathers have left them examples of unselfish devotion to a righteous cause and a heritage of imperishable honor.

"What Can Literature Do for Me?"

By C. Alphonso Smith, Professor of English in the University of Virginia. Doubleday, Page & Co. \$1 net.

"The modern essay is explanation reduced to its essentials," says the author of this wholly delightful book, in one of the Humane chapters, with which he answers his own question. In his own essay he has demonstrated the truth of his definition, for in the 225 pages of a clearly printed 12mo. volume he has explained the essentials of a great subject. But he has done more than that; he has explained them with so much freshness, with such rare freedom from the stereotyped and pedantic that one does the little book with a feeling of regret that the author saw fit to confine the results of his wide reading, profound and clear thinking to a volume of such limited proportions.

On the other hand, the reviewer will find compensation for his own curtailed pleasure in the belief that the general public will take more kindly to this brief, witty, thoroughly readable exposition of the benefits to be derived from literature than it would to a wider, weightier tome, and hence he will be attracted to its succinctness. Although the chapters in which Mr. Smith divides his essay read as if they might have been elaborated from lectures, they are admirably devoted to the pedagogic; indeed, they style to quote the late description of Matthew Arnold's pages, suggest "delicately well-learned conversation" in its careful avoidance of the abstruse and technical. At the same time, the book is far from being bald, bare explanation. On the contrary, it is alive with a visible appreciation of what is beautiful in English prose and poetry.

Much more than a mere "library book" it is more than a book for every one who would like to read profitably and wisely, as it is advertised, it is a book worth reading for itself by every one.

"Mr. Pratt's Patients."

By Joseph C. Lincoln. D. Appleton & Co. \$1.50 net.

In this, the fourteenth volume of Mr. Lincoln's Cape Codification, Solomon Pratt's further adventures begin clairvoyantly, proceed buoyantly, and end,

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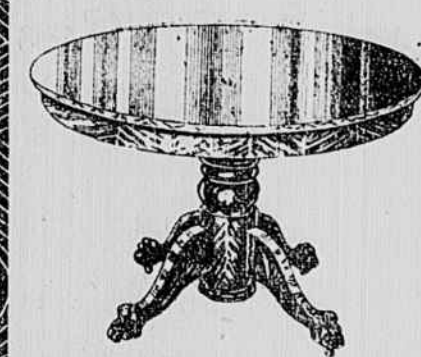
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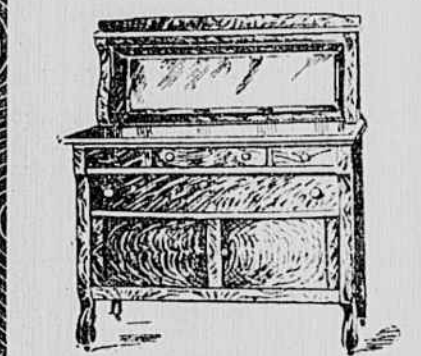
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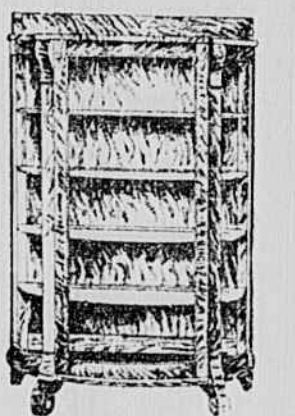
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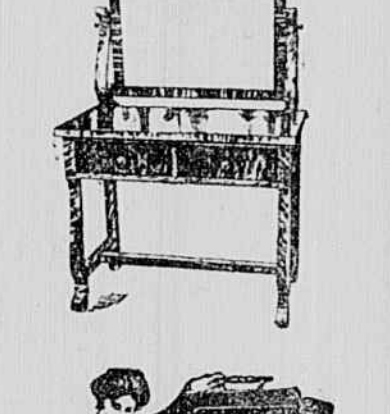
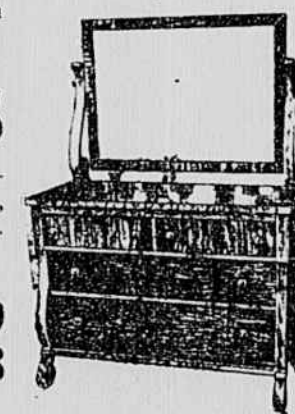
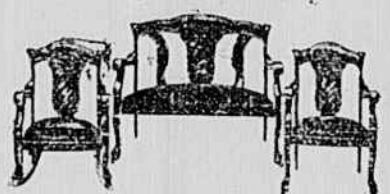
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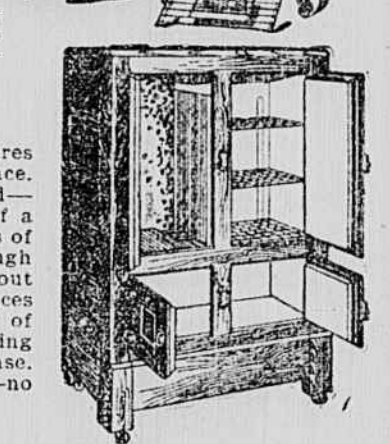
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"The Land System in Maryland, 1720-1765."

By Clarence P. Gould, Ph. D. Michael O. Fisher, professor of history in the University of Worcester. The Johns Hopkins Press. 75 cents.

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